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- On 13 February there arrived in Rome from London, Spirosilos MIRTADIS, formerly a colonel and member of a Greek delegation which was at Rome with the Allied Hilitary Government in the years 1945-46. Of Albenian origin and a native of Himara, he finished his studies in Greece, then emigrated with his family to England.
- MILITANDS, is believed to work for BIS, specializing in Belken political and military matters. He travels with different passports, of which one is British and the other Greek.
- In 1917, MINITADIS had a series of interviews with ex-King ZOG, seeking on behalf of the British to learn ZOG's views on the course to be followed in Albania in the event of the overthrow of the present Communist regime.
- 4. While in Rome he contacted members of the various Albenian exile political groups, including Gjon MARKAGJONI, whom he visited on 1A February. Some days later, he had a long talk with Hassan DOSTI and Zef PALI, of the Free Albenia Committee to whom he stated frankly that they do not enjoy the confidence of the Greek government and the Albenian people because they had followed blindly and supported the ill-starred policies of the en-president of the Balli Kombetar, Midnet PHARHENI, and hindered by their obstinate uncompromising extremise, the union of all Albenians in a strong anti-Communist group. MINITADIS added that the allies had lately taken a great interest in the Albenian question, to which they attach great importance at the present time of tension with the Communist people of the Iron Curtain countries. They wanted to collaborate with influential persons, known and exteemed by the Albenian people, to whom could be confided the political direction of the Albanian exile political movement. To this end, the allies wish PAC to select from among the moderate political groups a number of capable and deserving members able to handle this delicate task.
- 5. DOSTI and PALI told MITTADIS that their party, Balli Kombetar, would be disposed to collaborate with Greece in order to settle the future political policy of Albania, whenever the Greek government pledged itself to give moral and material aid to its members for the intensification of the struggle against Enver HOXHA.

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